



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START
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Dental Emergency Instructions

In Case of emergency, the following instructions will be followed:

1. Assess the type of injury to determine the first aid needed.
2. Wear appropriate protective gear (rubber gloves, etc.)
3. Initiate first aid treatment as indicated
4. Notify parent/Guardian of dental emergency:

TOOTHACHE: Rinse mouth with warm water to remove any debris that might be lodged in mouth. Use dental floss if needed. If swelling is present and is localized around the tooth only, try to massage area to cause drainage. If swelling is noticeable by just looking at child's face, have them evaluated by dentist or emergency room. They need antibiotics. DO NOT place aspirin on an aching tooth as this will burn the tissue.

KNOCKED OUT TOOTH: If it is a baby tooth, child should be evaluated by a dentist during normal business hours. If it is a permanent tooth, place tooth in "Save a Tooth" jar or milk immediately, and get child to the dentist as soon as possible. Avoid touching the root of the tooth and avoid letting the tooth dry out. The dentist may be able to place the tooth in the socket. The upper permanent front teeth erupt at age 7-8. If the tooth is displaced (out of position), the child should be evaluated by a dentist.

BROKEN TOOTH: Gently clean any dirt or debris from the injured area with warm water. Place cold compresses on the face in the area of the broken tooth to minimize the swelling. Get the child to the dentist for evaluation.

BITTEN TONGUE OR LIP: Apply direct pressure to the bleeding area with a clean cloth. If swelling is present, apply cold compresses. If bleeding does not stop, contact a medical emergency room or dental office.

OBJECTS WEDGED BETWEEN TEETH: Try to remove object with dental floss. Never use a sharp or pointed object to remove the object! If unsuccessful, contact a dentist or an emergency room for further instructions.

POSSIBLE FRACTURED JAW: Apply cold compresses to the area and contact the dental office, oral surgeon's office, or a medical emergency room immediately. Notify parents of the accident. If the emergency requires follow-up treatment, take child to the appropriate health care facility immediately.

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